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| Serial No. 09/855,200 | Filing Date May 14, 2001 | Examiner Karin M. Reichle | Group Art Unit 3761 |
| Inventor(s) Price et al. | | | |
| Title of Invention ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING A BODY CONFORMING ABSORBENT COMPOSITE | | | |

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; 2 cited references;
and return postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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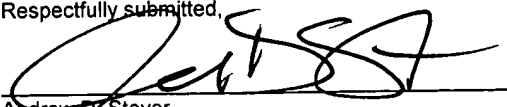
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| x \$84= | |
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| Total add'l fee | \$ |

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,


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Examiner: Karin M. Reichle

Group Art Unit No.: 3761

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

| No. | Date | Name |
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| 6,478,786 B1 | 11/2002 | Glaug et al. |

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

| DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small> | DATE | COUNTRY |
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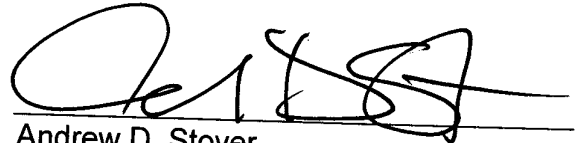
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Stover', written over a horizontal line.

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